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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED FROM A LOCAL SOURCE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, A TWO DAY SUB-WORKING GROUP MEETING IN BERLIN MAY 12-13 MADE SOME PROGRESS IN RESOLVING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES, BUT HE INDICATED THAT MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE TEXT OF A FINAL DOCUMENT IS FINISHED.

2. OUR SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT THE YUGOSLAVS DID NOT PARTICIPATE AT THE MEETING, BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE STATED THEY WILL NOT MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE UNTIL THEY HAVE A
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CHANCE TO STUDY THE TEXT OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT. ON THIS

OCCASION THE YUGOSLAVS SUBMITTED A WRITTEN DOCUMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WORKING GROUP. ADDITIONALLY, SERGIO SEGRE, CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S (PCI) FOREIGN SECTION AND LEADER OF THEIR DELEGATION TO THE RECENT BERLIN MEETING, MADE AN UNANNOUNCED STOP IN BELGRADE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE YUGOSLAVS EN ROUTE FROM ROME TO BERLIN.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE EAST GERMANS HAVE NOW WITHDRAWN THE TEXT THEY PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED WHICH WAS OBJECTIONABLE TO VARIOUS PARTIES, INCLUDING THE YUGOSLAV AND ITALIAN. PRELIMINARY TO THE CONVENING OF THE LATEST MEETING, THE GERMANS BEGAN WORK ON A NEW DRAFT TEXT WHICH SYNTHESIZES THE POSITIONS OF VARIOUS PARTIES. AT THIS POINT OUR SOURCE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MOST PARTIES ARE UNSURMOUNTABLE. HE STATED THAT THE MAJOR PROBLEM TO OVERCOME AT THIS JUNCTURE IS THE POSITION OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH IS NOW ISOLATED IN ITS DEMANDS FOR A HARDLINE DOCUMENT WITH A HEAVY IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT. THE SOVIETS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE TAKEN A MORE COMPROMISING STANCE AND FOLLOWED FAITHFULLY AT BERLIN THE COMMITMENTS THEY MADE TO THE PCI DELEGATION WHICH VISITED MOSCOW IN EARLY MAY. (THE SOVIET DELEGATION AT BERLIN WAS LED BY VADIM ZAGLADIN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION.)

4. OUR SOURCE STATED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DRAFTING GROUP WOULD BE HELD AROUND JUNE 20 SINCE THE PCI HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL BE PREOCCUPIED PRIOR TO THAT TIME WITH THE CURRENT LOCAL AND REGIONAL ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN IN ITALY. AS FOR THE ACTUAL CONFERENCE WHICH IS TO BE HELD AT THE HEAD OF PARTY LEVEL, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT WILL TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO NOVEMBER AND IT WILL CERTAINLY NOT PRECEDE STATE III OF CSCE. VOLPE

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